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Title: Need to take necessary steps to promote tourism in Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh.

SHRI DHANANJAY SINGH (JAUNPUR): Jaunpur, historically known as Sheeraz-e-Hind, was founded in 1359 by Feroze Shah Tughlaq and was the capital of the Sharqi Dynasty. It was a major centre of Sufi art and culture. It is dotted with several historical sites like the Shahi Qila built on the banks of Gomti in 1326 AD, Atala Masjid built in 1408 AD, Jhanjhari Masjid, Jama Masjid, Masjid Lai Darwaja and the Shahi Pul built in 1564 on the orders of Akbar.

The temple of Maa Sheetala Chaukiya Devi, Anchala Devi, Maihar Devi, Sheetla Devi and Tricholan Mahadev temples are important places of worship located in Jaunpur.

All these places are important sites, historically, culturally and religiously but limited efforts have been made to protect them, let alone develop them for tourism. The development of these sites along with construction of Museums and other tourist attractions can lead to Jaunpur becoming a major tourism centre. This would attract lakhs of domestic and international tourists, which would contribute to the development of economy in the region and creation of employment opportunities for the locals.

Therefore, I would like to request the Central Government to urgently consider the matter and take necessary steps to promote tourism in the region for the betterment of the people of Jaunpur and Uttar Pradesh.